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SUBJ: COLOMBIAN RESIDENT VISA - CRAIG SULAK

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1. IN THE ABSENCE OF MR. GAMBA, DIRECTOR OF VISA DIVISION OF FONOFF, MR. JAIME GIRON, VICE DIRECTOR, INFORMS AS FOLLOWS CONCERNING SUBJECT'S AND WIFE'S IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION: THE REASONS FOR THE REFUSAL OF A VISA TO MR. & MRS. SULAK DO NOT APPEAR IN THE FILE. MR. GIRON AVERS THAT REFUSAL MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE FOR LACK OF SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL RESOURCES. FOR INSTANCE, SUBJECT STATED HE INVESTED 60,000 PESOS (ABOUT 1,850 DOLLARS) IN LEASING LAND IN SAN ANDRES ISLAND FOR 99 YEARS, THAT HIS CAPITAL IS 20,000 PESOS (ABOUT 650 DOLLARS) AND THAT HE IS A MERCHANT. HIS APPLICATION DID NOT STATE THAT HE DOES NOT INTEND TO WORK AND THAT THEY ONLY WISH TO RESIDE IN COLOMBIA ABOUT 6 MONTHS PER YEAR.

2. MR. GIRON SUGGESTS THAT IF THE SUBJECT CAN PROVE THAT HE HAS SUFFICIENT INCOME IN THE U. S. TO ENABLE HIM AND HIS WIFE TO LIVE IN COLOMBIA WITHOUT WORKING AND THAT HIS ASSETS ARE GREATER THAN THOSE HE LISTED IN HIS APPLICATION, THAT HE MAY RE-APPLY AT COLOMBIAN CONSULATE IN CHICAGO. APPLICATION MAY BE REVIEWED ONCE MORE BY FOREIGN MINISTRY. VAKY

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